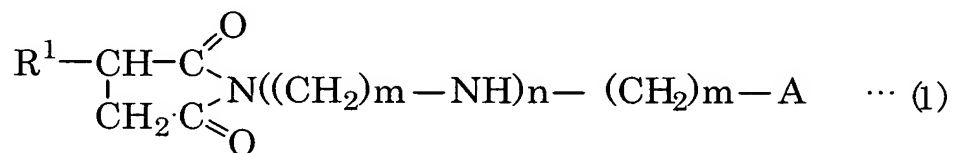


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A lubricant additive which comprises a succinimide compound or a boronization product thereof,

wherein the succinimide compound is obtained by reacting (a) a succinic acid substituted with an alkenyl or alkyl group having 6 to 30 carbon atoms or an anhydride thereof, with (b) a polyalkylenepolyamine comprising a polyalkylenepolyamine having a ring structure at an end in an amount of at least 5% by mole of an entire amount of the polyalkylenepolyamine and is represented by the following general formula (1):



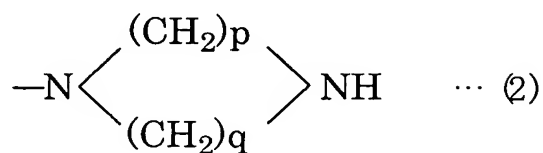
wherein R¹ represents an alkenyl or alkyl group having 6 to 30 carbon atoms,

m represents an integer of 2 to 4,

n represents an integer of 0 to 3, and

A represents the ring structure in the polyalkylenepolyamine having a ring structure at an end or a mixed structure comprising that comprises the ring structure and an amino group.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~The lubricant additive according to Claim 1,
wherein the ring structure in the polyalkylenepolyamine having a ring structure at an end is a
ring structure represented by the following general formula (2):



wherein p and q each represent an integer of 2 to 4.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~The lubricant additive according to Claim 1, wherein the polyalkylenepolyamine having a ring structure at an end is aminoethyl-piperazine.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~The lubricant additive according to Claim 1, wherein the polyalkylenepolyamine comprises the polyalkylenepolyamine having a ring structure at an end in an amount of 10 to 100% by mole of an entire amount of the polyalkylenepolyamine.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~The lubricant additive according to Claim 4, wherein the polyalkylenepolyamine comprises ~~the polyalkylenepolyamine having a ring structure at an end in~~ an amount of 20 to 100% by mole of an entire amount of the polyalkylenepolyamine.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~The lubricant additive according to Claim 1, wherein the succinimide compound or the boronization product thereof is a compound having a linear alkenyl or alkyl group having 6 to 30 carbon atoms which is bonded at an end portion of the group or at an intermediate portion of the group.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~The lubricant additive according to Claim 1, which further comprises a succinimide compound having a number-average molecular weight of 500 to 5,000 and is substituted with an alkenyl or alkyl group or a boronization product of the succinimide compound.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A lubricant composition comprising a lubricant additive described in ~~any one of Claims 1 to 7~~Claim 1.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~The lubricant composition according to Claim 8, which is a lubricant composition for driving systems.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~The lubricant composition according to Claim 8, which is a lubricant composition for automatic transmissions ~~or a lubricant composition for continuous variable transmissions~~.

Claim 11 (New): The lubricant composition according to Claim 8, which is a lubricant composition for continuous variable transmissions.